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Preliminary Amendment

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**Preliminary Amendment**

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows to place the application in condition for allowance or better condition for appeal:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 10 as follows:

1. (Twice amended) A process for selectively extracting a metal value from a source material which includes fluorine and one or more solubilizable metal values, the process comprising:

separating and removing fluorine values from the source material to produce a fluorine reduced source material;